coal, Short-Term Linkage Committees determine the quantity of coal to be supplied quarterly to core-sectors like power and cement based on the recommendations of the competent sponsoring authorities. Coal India Ltd. and Singareni Collieries Company Limited allocate coal to other consumers based on the recommendations of competent sponsoring authorities. Coal India Limited also release coal on free-sale basis to all consumers; including those without sponsorship, from certain specified mines placed under 'Liberalised Sale Scheme', at the rate of not more than 1000 tonnes at a time, on 'first come first serve' basis.

(b) and (c) Coal Distribution Policy requires periodical reviews to adjust to changing patterns of demand and supply in order to maximise consumer satisfaction. Such reviews are conducted as and when necessary and it may not be possible to indicate the changes likely to be effected on the basis of such reviews.

Joint production of MIG-29/T-72 M1 Tanks with Russia

1228. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Russia has offered to produce jointly with India MIG-29 aircraft and T-72 M1 tanks; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Indigenously Built submarines

1229. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the country has started building submarines indigenously ;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ;

(c) the number of such submariner built in the country so far ;

(d) whether the country has achieved self sufficiency in submarine building ; and

(e) if not, what action Government propose to take to make the country self sufficient in submarines ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR) : (a) to (c) Mazagon Dock Limited, Bombay, are building submarines in technical collaboration with M/s HDW, Germany. One submarine has been delivered to the Indian Navy in Feb., 1992. One more submarine is being launched in March 1992 for pre delivery trails.

(d) and (e) The country has acquired capability to build submarines with material packages obtained from various sources including ex-import depending on the design of the submarines.

Purchasing of Defence Equipments by Foreign Countries

1230. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of countries have shown their interest in purchasing defence equipments from India ;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard ; and

(c) what steps are being taken to boost the production in Ordnance factories ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) This cannot be disclosed in commercial and public interest.

(c) Enchancement of production in the Ordnance Factories is achieved by maximising the use of existing manpower and machinery as well as by utilisation of the available infrastructure in the civil sector.

Recruitment of Jawans in Army, Navy and Air Force

1231. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the recruitment procedures in respect of Jawans in the Army, Navy and Air Force have not been fool proof, and as a result, there has been an apprehension regarding enemy's agents and members of terrorist groups getting into these vital departments of the country ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that large-scale grafts and other malpractices in matters of recruitment have been brought to the notice of the Government during the last 3 years ; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR) : (a) to (c) No recruit can become a soldier unless verification with regard to his character and antecedents is received by the training centre. There is no basis for any apprehension that spies or terrorists are getting recruited into the Armed Forces.

2. While Government have taken several measures to eliminate the instances of malpractices, irregularities in the matter of recruitment of defence personnel/ certain instances of malpractices and irregularities in the recruitment of Jawan's Sailors and Airmen have come in the notice of the Government. Considering the large numbers of recruitments made each year into the Armed Forces, the incidence of irregularities/malpractices is limited.

The details of cases of malpractices and corruption in recruitment to the *Army and the Nevy* involving recruiting staff (both combatants and civilians) finalised during the last three years are as under :—

(i) Number of disciplinary cases of Service personnel finalised :

Officers	— 5
Other Ranks	— 2

(ii) Number of disciplinary case of civilians finalised — 6

The details of cases of malpractics in the recruitments to *Air Force* finalised during the last 3 years are as under :

Four cases were investigated departmentally and the concerned personnel were dealt with as per serivce rules. One case was registered with the CBI. Two cases were handed over to the Police for investigation. The malpractices included assisting the candidates in answering the question papers or clearing the medical examination.